

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: Surface Coated Member an Cutting  
Tool

Art Unit: Not assigned

Examiner: Not assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.